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#### Notice of Competitive Oil and Gas Lease Sale

The Nevada State Office is holding a competitive sale of federal lands in the State of Nevada for oil and gas leasing. The sale will include a total of 44 parcels for auction, located in the Elko District, containing 64,449.97 acres. We are attaching a list that includes the parcel numbers, legal land descriptions, and corresponding stipulations.

The parcel list for this sale is available on the internet at: <a href="http://www.blm.gov/nv/st/en/prog/minerals/leasable\_minerals/oil\_gas/oil\_and\_gas\_leasing.html">http://www.blm.gov/nv/st/en/prog/minerals/leasable\_minerals/oil\_gas/oil\_and\_gas\_leasing.html</a>

If the web link is not accessible, you may request a paper copy from our Information Access Center by calling (775) 861-6500 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

Anyone submitting an informal Expression of Interest (EOI) that certain lands be offered in an oil and gas competitive lease auction and the EOI includes lands where the minerals are owned by the Federal Government and the surface of the land is privately owned, referred to as "Split Estate," must provide, with the EOI, the name and address of the current private surface owner(s). Whenever a Split Estate parcel is included in an oil and gas Notice of Competitive Lease Sale, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will send a courtesy letter to the surface owner(s). The letter will provide the surface owner(s) with notice of the scheduled auction as well as information about the BLM's regulations and procedures for federal oil and gas leasing and development on Split Estate lands.

Any EOI including Split Estate lands that is submitted in the future, or now pending with a BLM state office, that does not provide the name and address of the surface owner(s) will not be processed by the BLM and such lands will not be placed on a list of lands included in a Notice of Competitive Lease Sale until the required information is provided.

Information regarding the leasing of Split Estate lands is available at the following Washington Office website:

http://www.blm.gov/wo/st/en/prog/energy/oil\_and\_gas/best\_management\_practices/split\_estate.html A Split Estate brochure is available at this site. The brochure outlines the rights, responsibilities, and opportunities of private surface owners and oil and gas operators in the planning, lease sale, permitting/development, and operations/production phases of the oil and gas program.

National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) documents for the attached list of parcels can be found on the internet at:

http://www.blm.gov/nv/st/en/prog/minerals/leasable minerals/oil gas/oil and gas leasing.html

#### When and where will the sale take place?

When:

The competitive sale begins at 9:00 a.m.\* on Tuesday, September 9, 2014. The sale room opens at 8:00 a.m.\* for registration and assignment of bidder numbers.

\* Please note, the Nevada State Office will hold a second sale on Tuesday, September 9, 2014, for parcels within the Carson City and Winnemucca Districts. The competitive sale will begin at 1:00 p.m. and the sale room will open at 12:00 p.m. for registration and assignment of bidder numbers.

Where:

We will hold the sale at the Bureau of Land Management, Nevada State Office, 1340 Financial Boulevard, Reno, Nevada 89502. Onsite parking is available.

Access:

The sale room is accessible to persons with disabilities. If you need a sign language interpreter or materials in an alternate format, please tell us no later than one week before the sale. You may contact Shaina Shippen, Land Law Examiner, at (775) 861-6615.

#### How do I participate in the bidding process?

Before the sale starts, you must complete a bidder registration form to obtain a bidding number. The forms are available at the registration desk. Anyone with an outstanding debt to BLM will not be allowed to register.

To participate in the BLM bidding process, you must register and obtain a bidder number. If you are bidding for more than one party, you must register and obtain a separate bidder number for each company or individual you represent. The BLM will begin registering bidders at 8:00 a.m. on the day of the sale.

When you register to bid, you will be required to show valid government-issued photo identification (ID) to verify your identity. If you do not provide a valid photo ID, you will not be allowed to register as a bidder and participate in the auction.

You will also be asked to sign a statement to confirm that any bid you cast will represent a good-faith intention to acquire an oil and gas lease and that you understand that any winning bid will constitute a legally binding commitment to accept the lease and pay monies owed. Further, you will acknowledge that you understand that it is a crime under 18 U.S.C. § 1001 and 43 U.S.C. § 1212 to knowingly and willfully make any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or representations regarding your qualifications; bidder registration and intent to bid; acceptance of a lease; payment of monies owed; and that any such offense may result in a fine or imprisonment for not more than 5 years or both. You will also acknowledge that you understand that it is a crime under 30 U.S.C. § 195 (a) and (b) to organize or participate in any scheme to defeat provisions of the mineral leasing regulations. Any person who knowingly violates these provisions will be punished by a fine of not more than \$500,000.00, imprisonment for not more than 5 years, or both.

If you, or the party you represent, owe the United States any monies that were due the day of a previous oil and gas lease auction conducted by any BLM office (the minimum monies owed the day of sale), you will not be allowed to register to bid at this lease sale. The Mineral Leasing Act requires that leases be issued to a "responsible qualified bidder" (30 U.S.C. § 226(b)(1)(A)). Any bidder, or party represented by a bidding agent, that does not pay the minimum monies owed the day of the sale is not a "responsible qualified bidder" and will be barred from participating in any oil and gas lease auction nationwide until that debt to the United States is settled. In addition, if you or the party you represent defaults at any three

sales conducted by any BLM office, you or the party you represent will be barred permanently from participating in any other BLM oil and gas lease sale auction.

#### What is the sale process?

Starting at 9:00 a.m. on the day of the sale:

- the auctioneer offers the parcels in the order they are shown on the attached parcel list;
- the decision of the auctioneer is final;
- names of high bidders (lessees) remain confidential until the results list is available.

If a parcel contains fractional acreage, the minimum bid and rental due is calculated by rounding up to the next whole acre. For example, a parcel of 100.48 acres requires a minimum bid of \$202 (101 acres x \$2).

#### What conditions apply to the lease sale?

- Parcel withdrawal or sale cancellation: We reserve the right to withdraw any or all parcels
  before the sale begins. If we withdraw parcels or cancel a sale, we will post a notice in our
  Information Access Center and announce the withdrawn parcels at the sale. We will also post a
  notice to our web page. If we cancel the sale, we will try to notify all interested parties in
  advance.
- Fractional interests: If the United States owns less than 100 percent of the oil and gas mineral interest for the land in a parcel, we will show that information with the parcel. When we issue the lease, it will be for the percentage or fraction of interest the United States owns. However, you must calculate your bonus bid and advance rental payment on the gross acreage in the parcel, not the United States net interest. For example, if a parcel contains 200 acres and the United States owns 50 percent of the oil and gas mineral interest, the minimum bonus bid will be \$400 (\$2 x 200 acres) and the advance annual rental will be \$300 (\$1.50 x 200 acres) for the first 5-years and \$400 (\$2 x 200 acres) for the remainder of the lease term. Royalty on production will be calculated on the United States net oil and gas mineral interest.
- Lease terms: Leases issue for a primary term of 10 years. They continue beyond the primary term as long as oil or gas is produced in paying quantities on or for the benefit of the lease. Rental is \$1.50 per acre for the first 5 years (\$2 per acre after that) until production begins. Once a lease is producing, we charge a royalty of 12.5 percent on the production removed or sold from the lease. You will find other lease terms on our standard lease form (Form 3100-11, October 2008 or later edition).
- Stipulations: Some parcels are subject to surface use restrictions or conditions affecting how you conduct operations on the lands. The stipulations become part of the lease and supersede any inconsistent provisions of the lease form.
- **Bid form:** On the day of the sale, successful bidders must submit a properly completed bid form (Form 3000-2, July 2012 or later edition) along with their payment. This form can be found at <a href="http://www.blm.gov/noc/st/en/business/eForms/og.html">http://www.blm.gov/noc/st/en/business/eForms/og.html</a>. The bid form is a legally binding offer to accept a lease and all its terms and conditions. Once the form is signed you cannot change it. We will not accept any bid form that has information crossed out or is otherwise altered.

We recommend you get a copy of the bid form and complete all but the money part before the sale. You can fill out the money part at the sale. Your completed bid form certifies that:

- 1) You and the prospective lessee are qualified to hold an oil and gas lease under the regulations at 43 CFR 3102.5-2; and
- 2) You and the prospective lessee have complied with 18 U.S.C. § 1860, a law that prohibits unlawful combinations, intimidation or collusion among bidders.
- Federal acreage limitations: Qualified individuals, associations, or corporations may only participate in a competitive lease sale and purchase federal oil and gas leases from this office if such purchase will not result in exceeding the state limit of 246,080 acres of public domain lands and 246,080 acres of acquired lands (30 U.S.C. § 184(d)). For the purpose of chargeable acreage limitations, you are charged with your proportionate share of the lease acreage holdings of partnerships or corporations in which you own an interest greater than 10 percent. Lease acreage committed to a unit agreement or development contract that you hold, own or control is excluded from chargeability for acreage limitation purposes.

The acreage limitations and certification requirements apply for competitive oil and gas lease sales, noncompetitive lease offers, transfers of interest by assignment of record title or operating rights, and options to acquire interest in leases regardless of whether an individual, association, or corporation has received, under 43 CFR 3101.2-4, additional time to divest excess acreage acquired through merger or acquisition.

#### Payment:

- You cannot withdraw your bid.
- Payment due on the day of the sale: For each parcel you win, you must pay the minimum bonus bid of \$2 per acre or fraction of an acre, the first year's advance rental of \$1.50 per acre or fraction of an acre, and a non-refundable administrative fee of \$155. You must pay these monies by 4:00 p.m. on September 9, 2014, at the sale site.

The minimum monies owed on the day of the sale for a winning bid are monies owed to the United States (43 CFR 3120.5-2(b) and 43 CFR 3120.5-3(a)). If payment of the minimum monies owed the day of the sale is not received by the date and time above, the BLM will issue a bill for the monies owed. If payment is not received by the bill due date, a demand letter will be sent to you that will include additional fees. If payment is not received as requested by the demand letter, the United States will immediately pursue collection by all appropriate methods, and when appropriate, collect late fees, interest, administrative charges, and on past-due amounts, assess civil penalties. "All appropriate methods" include, but are not limited to, referral to collection agencies and credit reporting bureaus; salary or administrative offset; offset of federal and state payments, including goods or services; federal and state tax refund offset; and retirement payment offset. Debts may be sent to the Internal Revenue Service and charged as income to you on Form 1099C, Cancellation of Debt (Federal Claims Collection Act of 1966, as amended; The Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996; 31 CFR part 285).

Remaining payments: If your bonus bid was more than \$2 per acre or fraction of an acre and you did not pay the full amount on the day of the sale, you must pay the balance of your bonus bid by 4:00 p.m. on September 23, 2014, which is the 10th working day following the sale. If payment is not received by BLM in full by this date, you lose the

right to the lease and you will forfeit the money you paid on the day of the sale. We may offer the parcel in a future sale.

- Method of payment: You can pay by:
  - personal check;
  - certified check;
  - money order; or
  - credit card (Visa, Mastercard, American Express or Discover).

Please note, BLM will not accept credit or debit card payments to the Bureau for an amount greater than \$49,999.99. We also will not accept aggregated small amounts to bypass this requirement. We encourage you to make any payments greater than \$49,999.99 by Automated Clearing House (ACH) or Fed Wire transfer.

Make checks payable to: Department of the Interior-BLM. We do not accept cash. If you previously paid us with a check backed by insufficient funds, we will require a guaranteed payment, such as a certified check. Anyone with an outstanding debt to BLM will not be allowed to register or bid at the sale.

• Lease issuance: After we receive the bid forms and all monies due, we can issue the lease. Usually, a lease is effective the first day of the month following the month we sign it. If you want your lease to be effective the first day of the month in which we sign it, ask us in writing before we sign the lease.

#### How can I find out the results of this sale?

We post the sale results in our Information Access Center and on the Internet at: <a href="http://www.blm.gov/nv/st/en/prog/minerals/leasable\_minerals/oil\_gas/oil\_and\_gas\_leasing.html">http://www.blm.gov/nv/st/en/prog/minerals/leasable\_minerals/oil\_gas/oil\_and\_gas\_leasing.html</a> You can purchase a printed copy of the results list from the Information Access Center.

#### How do I file a noncompetitive offer to lease after the sale?

Lands that do not receive a bid and are not subject to a pre-sale offer are available for a two-year period beginning the day after the sale. To file a noncompetitive offer, you must submit:

- Three copies of standard lease form 3100-11, Offer to Lease and Lease for Oil and Gas, properly completed and signed. (Note: We will accept reproductions of the official form, including computer generated forms that are legible and have no additions, omissions, other changes, or advertising. If you use an obsolete lease form, we will reject your offer). You must describe the lands in your offer as specified by the regulations at 43 CFR 3110.5; and
- \$400 nonrefundable administrative fee; and
- First year's advance rental (\$1.50 per acre or fraction thereof).

File offers on the day of the sale and the first business day after the sale in the Information Access Center. We consider these offers simultaneously filed. When a parcel receives more than one filing by 4:00 p.m. on the day after the sale, we will hold a drawing to determine the winner. Offers filed after this time period, receive priority according to the date and time of filing in this office.

#### How do I file a noncompetitive presale offer?

Under the regulations at 43 CFR 3110.1(a), you may file a noncompetitive presale offer for land that is available for oil and gas leasing and has not been under lease during the previous one-year period or been included in a competitive lease sale within the previous two-year period.

Your noncompetitive presale offer to lease must be filed prior to the official posting of this Sale Notice. If your presale offer was timely filed, was complete and we do not receive a bid for the parcel that contains the lands in your offer, it has priority over noncompetitive offers to lease filed for the lands in your offer after the sale. Your presale offer to lease is your consent to the terms and conditions of the lease, including any additional stipulations. If you want to file a presale offer, follow the guidance listed above for filing a noncompetitive offer after the sale and the regulations at 43 CFR 3110.1(a). If we do not receive a bid at the sale for the parcel(s) contained in your presale offer, you will be issued a lease for your presale offer. You can withdraw your presale offer up until the date we sign your lease.

#### How do I nominate lands for future sales?

- File a letter with this office describing the lands you want posted to a sale please refer to the Nevada State Office guidelines at the following link:
   <a href="http://www.blm.gov/nv/st/en/prog/minerals/leasable\_minerals/oil\_gas/oil\_and\_gas\_leasing.html">http://www.blm.gov/nv/st/en/prog/minerals/leasable\_minerals/oil\_gas/oil\_and\_gas\_leasing.html</a>; or
- File a noncompetitive presale offer.

## When is the next competitive oil and gas lease sale scheduled for Nevada?

Nevada State Office will hold a second competitive sale on Tuesday, September 9, 2014, for parcels within the Carson City and Winnemucca Districts. The sale will begin at 1:00 p.m. and the sale room will open at 12:00 a.m. for registration and assignment of bidder numbers.

We are tentatively holding our next competitive sale on December 9, 2014. Nominations for the June 9, 2015 Oil and Gas Lease Sale are due in this office by 4:00 p.m. on September 12, 2014.

#### May I protest BLM's decision to offer the lands in this Sale Notice for lease?

Yes, under the regulation at 43 CFR 3120.1-3, you may protest the inclusion of a parcel listed in this sale notice. All protests must meet the following requirements:

- We must receive a protest no later than close of business on the 30th calendar day subsequent to the date of posting of this Sale Notice. If our office is not open on the 30th calendar day subsequent to the date of posting of a Sale Notice, a protest received on the next day our office is open to the public will be considered timely filed. The protest must also include any statement of reasons to support the protest. We will dismiss a late-filed protest or a protest filed without a statement of reasons.
- A protest must state the interest of the protesting party in the matter.
- A protest must reference the parcel number identified in the sale notice. Use of any other parcel number will result in the protest being dismissed.

- You may file a protest in hardcopy form, by mail or by telefax. You may not file a protest by electronic mail. A protest filed by fax must be sent to (775) 861-6710. A protest sent to a fax number other than the fax number identified or a protest filed by electronic mail will be dismissed.
- The protest document must be signed. Unsigned protest documents will be dismissed.
- If the party signing the protest is doing so on behalf of an association, partnership or corporation, the signing party must reveal the relationship between them. For example, unless an environmental group authorizes an individual member of its group to act for it, the individual cannot make a protest in the group's name.

# If BLM receives a timely protest of a parcel advertised on this Sale Notice, how does it affect bidding on the parcel?

We will announce receipt of any protests at the beginning of the sale. We will also announce a decision to either withdraw the parcel or proceed with offering it at the sale.

## If I am the high bidder at the sale for a protested parcel, when will BLM issue my lease?

We will make every effort to decide the protest within 60 days after the sale. We will issue no lease for a protested parcel until the State Director makes a decision on the protest. If the State Director denies the protest, we will issue your lease concurrently with that decision.

# If I am the successful bidder of a protested parcel, may I withdraw my bid and receive a refund of my first year's rental and bonus bid?

No. In accordance with BLM regulations 43 CFR 3120.5-3 you may not withdraw your bid.

## If BLM upholds the protest, how does that affect my competitive bid?

If we uphold a protest and withdraw the parcel from leasing, we will refund your first year's rental, bonus bid and administrative fee. If the decision upholding the protest results in additional stipulations, you will be offered the opportunity to accept or reject the lease with the additional stipulations. If you do not accept the additional stipulations, we will reject your bid and we will refund your first year's rental, bonus bid and administrative fee.

## If BLM's decision to uphold the protest results in additional stipulations, may I appeal that decision?

Yes. Note, an appeal from the State Director's decision must meet the requirements of Title 43 CFR 4.411 and Part 1840.

#### May I appeal BLM's decision to deny my protest?

Yes. Note, an appeal from the State Director's decision must meet the requirements of Title 43 CFR 4.411 and Part 1840.

## May I withdraw my bid if the protestor files an appeal?

No. If the protestor appeals our decision to deny the protest, you may not withdraw your bid. We will issue your lease concurrently with the decision to deny the protest. If resolution of the appeal results in lease cancellation, we will authorize a refund of the bonus bid, rentals and administrative fee if:

- There is no evidence that the lessee(s) derived any benefit from possession of the lease during the time they held it, and;
- There is no indication of bad faith or other reasons not to refund the rental, bonus bid and administrative fee.

#### Who should I contact if I have a question?

If you have questions, contact Shaina Shippen, Land Law Examiner, at telephone number (775) 861-6615, send a facsimile to (775) 861-6710, write to the attention of NV922.q at the address on the letterhead, or send electronic mail to sshippen@blm.gov.

/S/ Patricia M. LaFramboise

Patricia M. LaFramboise Chief, Branch of Minerals Adjudication

#### **CULTURAL RESOURCES AND TRIBAL CONSULTATION**

This lease may be found to contain historic properties and/or resources protected under the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), American Indian Religious Freedom Act, Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act, E.O. 13007, or other statutes and executive orders. The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will not approve any ground disturbing activities that may affect any such properties or resources until it completes its obligations (e.g., State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) and tribal consultation) under applicable requirements of the NHPA and other authorities. The BLM may require modification to exploration or development proposals to protect such properties, or disapprove any activity that is likely to result in adverse effects that cannot be successfully avoided, minimized or mitigated.

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#### **Description of Lands**

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# ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT SECTION 7 CONSULTATION STIPULATION

The lease area may now or hereafter contain plants, animals, or their habitats determined to be threatened, endangered, or other special status species. The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) may recommend modifications to exploration and development proposals to further its conservation and management objective to avoid BLM-approved activity that will contribute to a need to list such a species or their habitat. The BLM may require modifications to or disapprove proposed activity that is likely to result in jeopardy to the continued existence of a proposed or listed threatened or endangered species or result in the destruction or adverse modifications of a designated or proposed critical habitat. The BLM will not approve any ground-disturbing activity that may affect any such species or critical habitat until it completes its obligations under applicable requirements of the Endangered Species Act, 16 USC § 1531 et seq., as amended, including completion of any required procedure for conference or consultation.

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Provisions of the Mineral Leasing Act (MLA) of 1920, as amended by the Federal Coal Leasing Amendments Act of 1976, affect an entity's qualifications to obtain an oil and gas lease.

Section 2(a)(2)(A) of the MLA, 30 U.S.C. § 201(a)(2)(A), requires that any entity that holds and has held a Federal coal lease for 10 years beginning on or after August 4, 1976, and who is not producing coal in commercial quantities from each such lease, cannot qualify for the issuance of any other lease granted under the MLA. Compliance by coal lessees with Section 2(a)(2)(A) is explained in 43 CFR 3472.

In accordance with the terms of this oil and gas lease with respect to compliance by the initial lessee with qualifications concerning Federal coal lease holdings, all assignees and transferees are hereby notified that this oil and gas lease is subject to cancellation if: (1) the initial lessee as assignor or as transferor has falsely certified compliance with Section 2(a)(2)(A); or (2) because of a denial or disapproval by a State Office of a pending coal action, i.e., arms-length assignment, relinquishment, or logical mining unit, the initial lessee as assignor or as transferor is no longer in compliance with Section 2(a)(2)(A). The assignee or transferee does not qualify as a bona fide purchaser and, thus, has no rights to bona fide purchaser protection in the event of cancellation of this lease due to noncompliance with Section 2(a)(2)(A).

Information regarding assignor or transferor compliance with Section 2(a)(2)(A) is contained in the lease case file as well as in other Bureau of Land Management records available through the State Office issuing this lease.

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This parcel may contain existing mining claims and/or mill sites located under the 1872 Mining Law. To the extent it does, the oil and gas lessee must conduct its operations, so far as reasonably practicable, to avoid damage to any known deposit of any mineral for which any mining claim on this parcel is located, and should not endanger or unreasonably or materially interfere with the mining claimant's operations, including any existing surface or underground improvements, workings, or facilities which may have been made for the purpose of mining operations. The provisions of the Multiple Mineral Development Act (30 U.S.C. § 521 et seq.) shall apply on the leased lands.

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#### **National Historic Railroads**

Remains of historic railroads eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places are or may be present. Mitigation of impacts could require substantial buffers to protect the view-shed of the railroad.

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| NV-14-03-202                         |       | ALL LANDS                   |
| NV-14-03-206                         |       | ALL LANDS                   |

## **Herd Management Area**

## Parcel is in a Herd Management Area.

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| NV-14-03-018<br>THRU<br>NV-14-03-064 | ALL LANDS                   |
| NV-14-03-079<br>THRU<br>NV-14-03-221 | ALL LANDS                   |

#### **Stream Habitat**

High priority stream habitat (Elko RMP) or stream habitat (Wells RMP) exists in or near the proposed parcel. Special restrictions, including at least a 400' buffer, may apply to protect habitat.

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## **Water Quality**

A surface water resource for which water quality standards apply, is present in or near the proposed parcel. Special restrictions may apply to protect water quality.

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NV-14-03-008

#### **Threatened, Endangered and Sensitive Species**

The lease area may now or hereafter contain plants, animals, or their habitats determined to be threatened, endangered, or other special status species. Bureau of Land Management (BLM) may recommend modifications to exploration and development proposals to further its conservation and management objective to avoid BLM-approved activity that will contribute to a need to list such a species or their habitat. BLM may require modifications to or disapprove proposed activity that is likely to result in jeopardy to the continued existence of a proposed or listed threatened or endangered species or result in the destruction or adverse modification of a designated or proposed critical habitat. BLM will not approve any ground-disturbing activity that may affect any such species or critical habitat until it complete its obligations under applicable requirements of the Endangered Species Act as amended, 16 USC § 1531 et seq., including completion of any required procedure for conference or consultation.

Authority/Supporting Documentation: BLM Washington Office Instruction Memorandum No. 2002-174; Endangered Species Act.

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#### **Raptor Nesting Sites**

This lease may contain lands with active raptor nesting sites. These lands are subject to seasonal protection from disturbance to avoid displacement and mortality of raptor young. Restrictions apply up to a 0.50 mile radius around the active nesting sites of the following species during the period described. The entire Elko District may provide suitable nesting for one or more of the species listed below.

- A. Golden Eagles and Great Horned Owls during the period 1/1-6/30, inclusive.
- B. Long-eared Owls during the period 2/1-5/15, inclusive.
- C. Prairie Falcons during the period 3/1-6/30, inclusive.
- D. Ferruginous Hawks, Northern Harriers and Barn Owls during the period 3/1-7/31, inclusive.
- E. Goshawk and Sharp-shinned Hawks during the period 3/15-7/15, inclusive.
- F. Cooper's Hawks, Kestrels, and Burrowing Owls during the period 4/1-6/30, inclusive.
- G. Red-tailed and Swainson's Hawk during the period 4/1-7/15, inclusive.
- H. Short-eared Owls during the period 2/1-6/15, inclusive.

Authority/Supporting Documentation: Wells RMP ROD (p. 25); Elko RMP ROD (p. 25); Birds of the Great Basin, 1985; State Director Decision: Horse Canyon Decision, 2005.

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#### **Cultural Resources**

This lease may be found to contain historic properties and/or resources protected under the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), American Indian Religious Freedom Act, Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act, E.O. 13007, or other statutes and executive orders. The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will not approve any ground disturbing activities that may affect any such properties or resources until it completes its obligations under applicable requirements of the NHPA and other authorities. The BLM may require modification to exploration or development proposals to protect such properties, or disapprove any activity that is likely to result in adverse effects that cannot be successfully avoided, minimized or mitigated.

Authority/Supporting Documentation: BLM Washington Office Instruction Memorandum No. 2005-03.

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## **Pronghorn Antelope Crucial Winter Range**

This lease contains lands which have been identified as pronghorn antelope crucial winter range. These lands are subject to seasonal protection from disturbance to avoid displacement and mortality to animals during the winter. Seasonal restrictions from disturbance in pronghorn antelope crucial winter ranges apply during the period 11/15-3/16, inclusive.

Authority/Supporting Documentation: Wells RMP ROD (p. 25); Elko RMP ROD (p. 3); Field Guide to Mammals (1976).

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| NV-14-03-008   | ALL LANDS                   |
| NV-14-03-077   | ALL LANDS                   |
| NV-14-03-079   | ALL LANDS                   |

NV-14-03-004 366.330 Acres NV-14-03-024 1160.000 Acres T.0310N, R.0550E, 21 MDM, NV T.0260N, R.0590E, 21 MDM, NV Sec. 019 LOTS 7,8; Sec. 001 SWSE; 019 SE; 012 W2NE, NENW, S2NW, S2; 020 LOTS 3; 013 N2, SW, N2SE, SWSE; 020 W2SW: Elko County Elko County Elko DO Elko DO Stipulations: Stipulations: NVSO-CR, NVSO-ESA, NVSO-FCL, NVSO-MMD, NVSO-CR, NVSO-ESA, NVSO-FCL, NVSO-MMD, OG-010-05-E, OG-010-05-01, OG-010-05-02, OG-010-05-01, OG-010-05-02, OG-010-05-03 OG-010-05-03 NV-14-03-007 40.000 Acres NV-14-03-025 1561.440 Acres T.0280N, R.0560E, 21 MDM, NV T.0260N, R.0590E, 21 MDM, NV Sec. 005 SWSW: Sec. 005 SWNW, W2SW; Elko County 006 LOTS 1-5; Elko DO 006 S2NE, SENW, E2SW, SE; PENDING PRESALE OFFER NO. N89842 007 NE, NENW, N2SE, SESE; Stipulations: 800 S2NE, W2, SE; NVSO-CR, NVSO-ESA, NVSO-FCL, NVSO-MMD, Elko County OG-010-05-01, OG-010-05-02, OG-010-05-03, Elko DO OG-010-05-05 Stipulations: NVSO-CR, NVSO-ESA, NVSO-FCL, NVSO-MMD, OG-010-05-E, OG-010-05-01, OG-010-05-02, OG-010-05-03 NV-14-03-008 280.000 Acres T.0280N, R.0560E, 21 MDM, NV Sec. 007 NENE; 800 S2NE, NW; NV-14-03-026 1600.000 Acres Elko County T.0260N, R.0590E, 21 MDM, NV Elko DO Sec. 009 W2NW, SW, NESE, S2SE; PENDING PRESALE OFFER NO. N89843 016 ALL; Stipulations: 017 N2, N2SW, SESW, SE; NVSO-CR, NVSO-ESA, NVSO-FCL, NVSO-MMD, Elko County OG-010-05-G, OG-010-05-H, OG-010-05-01, Elko DO OG-010-05-02, OG-010-05-03, OG-010-05-05 Stipulations: NVSO-CR, NVSO-ESA, NVSO-FCL, NVSO-MMD, OG-010-05-E, OG-010-05-01, OG-010-05-02, OG-010-05-03 NV-14-03-018 1680.000 Acres T.0270N, R.0580E, 21 MDM, NV Sec. 023 S2N2, S2; 024 S2NW, S2; NV-14-03-029 320.000 Acres 025 N2, N2SW, SESW, N2SE, SWSE; T.0270N, R.0590E, 21 MDM, NV 026 NE, E2NW; Sec. 010 E2NE, NESE; Elko County 011 SWNW, NWSW, S2SW, SWSE; Elko DO Elko County Stipulations: Elko DO NVSO-CR, NVSO-ESA, NVSO-FCL, NVSO-MMD, Stipulations: OG-10-05-E, OG-010-05-01, OG-010-05-02, NVSO-CR, NVSO-ESA, NVSO-FCL, NVSO-MMD, OG-10-05-03 OG-010-05-E, OG-010-05-01, OG-010-05-02,

OG-010-05-03

NV-14-03-030 80.000 Acres NV-14-03-034 1750.160 Acres T.0270N, R.0590E, 21 MDM, NV T.0270N, R.0590E, 21 MDM, NV Sec. 014 NWNW; Sec. 029 ALL; 015 SENE; 030 LOTS 1-4; Elko County 030 E2, E2W2; Elko DO 031 LOTS 1-3; Stipulations: 031 N2NE, SWNE, E2W2, W2SE; NVSO-CR, NVSO-ESA, NVSO-FCL, NVSO-MMD, Elko County OG-010-05-E, OG-010-05-01, OG-010-05-02, Elko DO OG-010-05-03 Stipulations: NVSO-CR, NVSO-ESA, NVSO-FCL, NVSO-MMD, OG-010-05-E, OG-010-05-01, OG-010-05-02, OG-010-05-03 680.000 Acres NV-14-03-031 T.0270N, R.0590E, 21 MDM, NV Sec. 019 SENE, NESE, S2SE; NE, NENW, S2NW, SW, W2SE; 020 NV-14-03-051 1121.090 Acres Elko County T.0270N, R.0600E, 21 MDM, NV Elko DO Sec. 003 LOTS 3,4; Stipulations: 003 SWNE, S2NW, N2SW, SESW; NVSO-CR, NVSO-ESA, NVSO-FCL, NVSO-MMD, 004 LOTS 1; OG-010-05-E, OG-010-05-01, OG-010-05-02, 004 S2NE, N2SE; OG-010-05-03 010 E2, E2W2; 011 SWNW, W2SW; Elko County Elko DO NV-14-03-032 640.000 Acres Stipulations: T.0270N, R.0590E, 21 MDM, NV NVSO-CR, NVSO-ESA, NVSO-FCL, NVSO-MMD, Sec. 021 NWNE, S2NE, NW, NESW, N2SE; OG-010-05-E, OG-010-05-01, OG-010-05-02, 021 SESE; OG-010-05-03 022 SW, SWSE; Elko County Elko DO Stipulations: NV-14-03-052 840.000 Acres NVSO-CR, NVSO-ESA, NVSO-FCL, NVSO-MMD, T.0270N, R.0600E, 21 MDM, NV OG-010-05-E, OG-010-05-01, OG-010-05-02, Sec. 009 E2NW; OG-010-05-03 016 W2, S2SE; 021 N2NE, SWNE, NW, W2SW; Elko County Elko DO NV-14-03-033 1240.000 Acres Stipulations: T.0270N, R.0590E, 21 MDM, NV NVSO-CR, NVSO-ESA, NVSO-FCL, NVSO-MMD, Sec. 026 SW; OG-010-05-E, OG-010-05-01, OG-010-05-02, 027 ALL; OG-010-05-03 028 E2NE, SWNW, S2; Elko County Elko DO Stipulations: NV-14-03-053 1480.000 Acres NVSO-CR, NVSO-ESA, NVSO-FCL, NVSO-MMD, T.0270N, R.0600E, 21 MDM, NV OG-010-05-E, OG-010-05-01, OG-010-05-02, Sec. 014 W2NW; OG-010-05-03 015 NE, E2NW, S2; 022 E2, N2NW, SENW, E2SW; 023 S2; Elko County Elko DO Stipulations: NVSO-CR, NVSO-ESA, NVSO-FCL, NVSO-MMD, OG-010-05-E, OG-010-05-01, OG-010-05-02, OG-010-05-03

| T.0280N, R.0600E, 21 MDM, NV Sec. 033 NE,N2NW,E2SE; 034 NWNE,W2W2,SESW,NESE,S2SE; 035 SWSW;  Elko County Elko DO Stipulations: NVSO-CR, NVSO-ESA, NVSO-FCL, NVSO-MMD, OG-010-05-E, OG-010-05-01, OG-010-05-02, OG-010-05-03  | NV-14-03-079 2560.000 Acres T.0300N, R.0610E, 21 MDM, NV Sec. 027 ALL; 028 ALL; 033 ALL; 034 ALL; Elko County Elko DO Stipulations: NVSO-CR, NVSO-ESA, NVSO-FCL, NVSO-MMD, OG-010-05-E, OG-010-05-01, OG-010-05-02, OG-010-05-03, OG-010-05-05   |
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| NV-14-03-063 560.000 Acres T.0270N, R.0610E, 21 MDM, NV Sec. 013 SWNW; 014 NWNE, S2NE, NENW, S2NW, SW; 014 N2SE, SWSE; Elko County Elko DO Stipulations: NVSO-CR, NVSO-ESA, NVSO-FCL, NVSO-MMD, OG-010-05-E, OG-010-05-01, OG-010-05-02, OG-010-05-03              | NV-14-03-154 999.870 Acres T.0280N, R.0640E, 21 MDM, NV Sec. 001 LOTS 1,2; 001 S2NE,E2SW,SE; 012 N2,N2SW,SESW,SE; Elko County Elko DO Stipulations: NVSO-CR, NVSO-ESA, NVSO-FCL, NVSO-MMD, OG-010-05-C, OG-010-05-E, OG-010-05-01, OG-010-05-02, OG-010-05-03  |
| NV-14-03-064 160.000 Acres T.0270N, R.0610E, 21 MDM, NV Sec. 034 NW; Elko County Elko DO Stipulations: NVSO-CR, NVSO-ESA, NVSO-FCL, NVSO-MMD, OG-010-05-E, OG-010-05-01, OG-010-05-02, OG-010-05-03  | NV-14-03-155 280.000 Acres T.0280N, R.0640E, 21 MDM, NV Sec. 013 NE,N2SE,SESE; Elko County Elko DO Stipulations: NVSO-CR, NVSO-ESA, NVSO-FCL, NVSO-MMD, OG-010-05-C, OG-010-05-E, OG-010-05-01, OG-010-05-02, OG-010-05-03   |
| NV-14-03-077 1400.000 Acres  T.0300N, R.0610E, 21 MDM, NV Sec. 017 NESW,S2SW,SE; 020 N2,E2SW,SE; 029 E2,E2NW,NESW; 032 N2NE,SENE;  Elko County Elko DO Stipulations: NVSO-CR, NVSO-ESA, NVSO-FCL, NVSO-MMD, OG-010-05-01, OG-010-05-02, OG-010-05-03, OG-010-05-05 | NV-14-03-191 2203.710 Acres  T.0290N, R.0650E, 21 MDM, NV Sec. 001 LOTS 1-4; 001 S2N2,S2; 002 LOTS 1-4; 002 S2N2,S2; 003 LOTS 1-4; 003 S2N2,S2; 004 LOTS 1; 004 SENE,SESW,SE;  Elko County Elko DO Stipulations: NVSO-CR, NVSO-ESA, NVSO-FCL, NVSO-MMD, OG-010-05-C, OG-010-05-E, OG-010-05-01, OG-010-05-02, OG-010-05-03 |

| NV-14-03-193 2520.000 Acres T.0290N, R.0650E, 21 MDM, NV Sec. 009 NE,NENW,S2NW,S2; 010 ALL; 011 ALL; 012 ALL; Elko County Elko DO Stipulations: NVSO-CR, NVSO-ESA, NVSO-FCL, NVSO-MMD, OG-010-05-C, OG-010-05-E, OG-010-05-01, OG-010-05-02, OG-010-05-03              | NV-14-03-197 2560.000 Acres T.0290N, R.0650E, 21 MDM, NV Sec. 025 ALL; 026 ALL; 035 ALL; 036 ALL; Elko County Elko DO Stipulations: NVSO-CR, NVSO-ESA, NVSO-FCL, NVSO-MMD, OG-010-05-E, OG-010-05-01, OG-010-05-02, OG-010-05-03        |
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| NV-14-03-194 2480.000 Acres T.0290N, R.0650E, 21 MDM, NV Sec. 013 E2NE, W2, SE; 014 ALL; 023 ALL; 024 ALL; Elko County Elko DO Stipulations: NVSO-CR, NVSO-ESA, NVSO-FCL, NVSO-MMD, OG-010-05-E, OG-010-05-01, OG-010-05-02, OG-010-05-03                              | NV-14-03-198 2560.000 Acres T.0290N, R.0650E, 21 MDM, NV Sec. 027 ALL; 028 ALL; 033 ALL; 034 ALL; Elko County Elko DO Stipulations: NVSO-CR, NVSO-ESA, NVSO-FCL, NVSO-MMD, OG-010-05-E, OG-010-05-01, OG-010-05-02, OG-010-05-03        |
| NV-14-03-195 2560.000 Acres  T.0290N, R.0650E, 21 MDM, NV  Sec. 015 ALL; 016 ALL; 021 ALL; 022 ALL; Elko County Elko DO Stipulations: NVSO-CR, NVSO-ESA, NVSO-FCL, NVSO-MMD, OG-010-05-C, OG-010-05-E, OG-010-05-01, OG-010-05-02, OG-010-05-03                        | NV-14-03-202 1240.000 Acres T.0300N, R.0650E, 21 MDM, NV Sec. 024 NE,NENW,S2NW,S2; 025 ALL; Elko County Elko DO Stipulations: NVSO-CR, NVSO-ESA, NVSO-FCL, NVSO-MMD, OG-010-05-C, OG-010-05-E, OG-010-05-01, OG-010-05-02, OG-010-05-03 |
| NV-14-03-196 2433.070 Acres T.0290N, R.0650E, 21 MDM, NV Sec. 020 NE,E2NW,S2; 029 ALL; 031 LOTS 2-4; 031 E2,E2W2; 032 ALL; Elko County Elko DO Stipulations: NVSO-CR, NVSO-ESA, NVSO-FCL, NVSO-MMD, OG-010-05-C, OG-010-05-E, OG-010-05-01, OG-010-05-02, OG-010-05-03 | NV-14-03-206 1280.000 Acres T.0300N, R.0650E, 21 MDM, NV Sec. 035 ALL; 036 ALL; Elko County Elko DO Stipulations: NVSO-CR, NVSO-ESA, NVSO-FCL, NVSO-MMD, OG-010-05-C, OG-010-05-E, OG-010-05-01, OG-010-05-02, OG-010-05-03             |

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NV-14-03-216
                      1120.000 Acres
                                                   NV-14-03-220
                                                                        2193.410 Acres
    T.0270N, R.0700E, 21 MDM, NV
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      Sec. 007
                 ALL:
                                                       Sec. 026
                                                                   LOTS 1-4;
           008
                 S2NE, W2NW, S2;
                                                            027
                                                                   ALL;
 Elko County
                                                            033
                                                                   ALL;
 Elko DO
                                                            034
                                                                   ALL;
 Stipulations:
                                                            035
                                                                   LOTS 1-4;
 NVSO-CR, NVSO-ESA, NVSO-FCL, NVSO-MMD,
                                                   Elko County
 OG-010-05-E, OG-010-05-01, OG-010-05-02,
                                                   Elko DO
 OG-010-05-03
                                                   Stipulations:
                                                   NVSO-CR, NVSO-ESA, NVSO-FCL, NVSO-MMD,
                                                   OG-010-05-E, OG-010-05-01, OG-010-05-02,
                                                   OG-010-05-03
 NV-14-03-217
                      2034.780 Acres
   T.0270N, R.0700E, 21 MDM, NV
     Sec. 010
                 NE, SENW, S2;
                 LOTS 2-4;
          011
                                                   NV-14-03-221
                                                                       2560.000 Acres
                 LOTS 1-4;
          014
                                                     T.0270N, R.0700E, 21 MDM, NV
          015
                ALL;
                                                       Sec. 029
                                                                  ALL;
          016
                ALL;
                                                            030
                                                                  ALL;
 Elko County
                                                            031
                                                                  ALL:
 Elko DO
                                                            032
                                                                  ALL;
 Stipulations:
                                                  Elko County
 NVSO-CR, NVSO-ESA, NVSO-FCL, NVSO-MMD,
                                                  Elko DO
 OG-010-05-E, OG-010-05-01, OG-010-05-02,
                                                  Stipulations:
 OG-010-05-03
                                                  NVSO-CR, NVSO-ESA, NVSO-FCL, NVSO-MMD,
                                                  OG-010-05-E, OG-010-05-01, OG-010-05-02,
                                                  OG-010-05-03
NV-14-03-218
                     2560.000 Acres
   T.0270N, R.0700E, 21 MDM, NV
    Sec. 017
                ALL;
                                                  NV-14-03-222
                                                                       1422.280 Acres
          018
                ALL:
                                                    T.0290N, R.0700E, 21 MDM, NV
          019
                ALL;
                                                      Sec. 002
                                                                 LOTS 1-4;
          020
                ALL;
                                                           003
                                                                 LOTS 8-11;
Elko County
                                                           003
                                                                 S2N2, S2;
Elko DO
                                                           009
                                                                 ALL;
Stipulations:
                                                  Elko County
NVSO-CR, NVSO-ESA, NVSO-FCL, NVSO-MMD,
                                                  Elko DO
OG-010-05-E, OG-010-05-01, OG-010-05-02,
                                                  Stipulations:
OG-010-05-03
                                                  NVSO-CR, NVSO-ESA, NVSO-FCL, NVSO-MMD,
                                                  OG-010-05-01, OG-010-05-02, OG-010-05-03
NV-14-03-219
                     2053.840 Acres
  T.0270N, R.0700E, 21 MDM, NV
                                                 NV-14-03-224
                                                                      2197.580 Acres
    Sec. 021
               ALL:
                                                   T.0290N, R.0700E, 21 MDM, NV
         022
               ALL;
                                                      Sec. 010
                                                                ALL;
         023
               LOTS 1-4;
                                                                 LOTS 1-4;
                                                           011
         028
               ALL;
                                                                 LOTS 1-4;
                                                           014
Elko County
                                                           015
                                                                 ALL:
Elko DO
                                                           016
                                                                 ALL;
Stipulations:
                                                 Elko County
NVSO-CR, NVSO-ESA, NVSO-FCL, NVSO-MMD,
                                                 Elko DO
OG-010-05-E, OG-010-05-01, OG-010-05-02,
                                                 Stipulations:
OG-010-05-03
                                                 NVSO-CR, NVSO-ESA, NVSO-FCL, NVSO-MMD,
                                                 OG-010-05-01, OG-010-05-02, OG-010-05-03
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NV-14-03-226
                     1910.210 Acres
  T.0300N, R.0700E, 21 MDM, NV
    Sec. 002
               LOTS 1-4;
         003
               LOTS 8-11;
         003
               S2N2, S2;
         004
               LOTS 5-8;
         004
               S2N2, S2;
         009
               ALL;
Elko County
Elko DO
Stipulations:
NVSO-CR, NVSO-ESA, NVSO-FCL, NVSO-MMD,
OG-010-05-01, OG-010-05-02, OG-010-05-03
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T.0300N, R.0700E, 21 MDM, NV Sec. 005 LOTS 5-8; 005 S2N2, S2; 006 LOTS 8-11; 006 S2N2, S2; 800 ALL; Elko County Elko DO Stipulations: NVSO-CR, NVSO-ESA, NVSO-FCL, NVSO-MMD, OG-010-05-01, OG-010-05-02, OG-010-05-03

1842.200 Acres

NV-14-03-227

NV-14-03-228 1920.000 Acres
T.0300N, R.0700E, 21 MDM, NV
Sec. 016 ALL;
021 ALL;
022 ALL;
Elko County
Elko DO
PENDING PRESALE OFFER NO. N91442
Stipulations:
NVSO-CR, NVSO-ESA, NVSO-FCL, NVSO-MMD,
OG-010-05-01, OG-010-05-02, OG-010-05-03

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NV-14-03-230 1280.000 Acres
T.0300N, R.0700E, 21 MDM, NV
Sec. 027 ALL;
034 ALL;
Elko County
Elko DO
PENDING PRESALE OFFER NO. N91442
Stipulations:
NVSO-CR, NVSO-ESA, NVSO-FCL, NVSO-MMD,
OG-010-05-01, OG-010-05-02, OG-010-05-03
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Number of Parcels - 44

Total Acreage - 64,449.970

Total number of Parcels with Presale
Offers - 4

Parcel Number of Parcels with Presale
Offers - 007, 008, 228, 230

Total Acreage With Presale
Offers - 3,520.000

Any portion of the listed lands may be deleted upon determination that such lands are not available for leasing.

#### FOOTNOTES

/1/ All or part of the lands are non-federal surface (split estate) with title to the mineral estate held by the United States. Due to this status, the mineral estate is administered by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). Permits and approvals will be issued by the authorized BLM Office.